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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: YOSHIOKA et al

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For: Apparatus for Processing Specimens

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: K. Moore

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)

Commissioner For Patents

July 16, 2004

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, acknowledge receipt of an office action mailed June 16, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application.

The office action rejects the claims over, inter alia, United States Patent No. 6,048,435 to DeOrnellas et al. While this patent was cited for the time in the outstanding office action, the patent is not listed on the Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892). Accordingly, applicants request issuance of a revised office action listing United States Patent No. 6,048,435 to DeOrnellas et al on the Notice of References Cited.

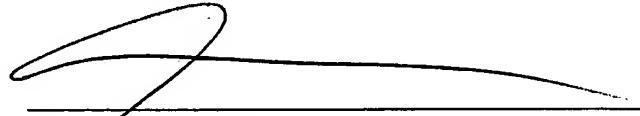
It is requested that the period for response be restarted to begin with the mailing date of the corrected office action.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.38156VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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